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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - The drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper, which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e)). See Figure(s) 3A, 3B, 4, 7-12.

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed on July 1, 2004, a copy of which is enclosed, applicants submit herewith (a) Replacement Sheets for Figures 1-13; (b) an executed Power of Attorney by Assignee and Exclusion of Inventor(s) under 37 CFR §3.71 with Statement under 37 CFR §3.73(b) by Assignee Synthes U.S.A.; (c) a Request for a Corrected Filing Receipt, with accompanying papers; and (d) a Petition For Extension of Time to respond for two (2) months, from September 1, 2004, to and including November 1, 2004, with provision for payment of the required fee. The drawings are now electronically reproducible and are submitted on paper, which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny and durable, and are believed to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.84 and 1.121. No new matter is introduced by the enclosed replacement sheets for Figures 1-13.

Submitted under separate cover for recordation at the United States Patent and Trademark Office Mail Stop Assignment Recordation Services is an Assignment of the inventors' right, title and interest in, to and under the above-identified application.

No fee beyond that for the extension of time is believed to be due for this response. Should any fee be required, please charge such fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 503013.

Respectfully submitted,

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